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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: NYERERE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2668 (NODIS)(TOSEC 190025)

1. JIM SPAIN'S ACCOUNT OF HIS JULY 22 CONVERSATION WITH NYERERE, ESPECIALLY WHEN COMPARED TO LATTER'S HIGHLY LAUDATORY COMMENTS TO SPAIN ON JULY 12, RAISES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE TANZANIAN PRESIDENT HAS MODIFIED HIS POSITION ON THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AND TO THE ROLE HE SEES FOR THE BRITISH DURING A PERIOD OF TRANSITION. I DO NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT NYERERE IS BRINGING PRESSURE ON US TO KEEP NAMIBIA IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR PLANNING AND TALKS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. HE MAY ALSO BE SETTING THE STAGE FOR RAISING THE ANTE IN OUR EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. FURTHERMORE, I HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY CONCERNED BY THE TANZANIAN MEDIA EMPHASIS ON THE FALLACIOUS DAVID MARTIN ARTICLE

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IN LONDON OBSERVER, I.E. BRITISH-AMERICAN INTENTIONS TO

TAKE OVER MILITARILY IN RHODESIA. I BELIEVE A MESSAGE FROM YOU WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SMOKE OUT NYERERE AND ALSO TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THE MARTIN PIECE. I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING TEXT:

2. QUOTE YOU SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT NYERERE AT HIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

3. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AMBASSADOR SPAIN HAS COMMUNICATED TO ME YOUR MOST RECENT THOUGHTS ON THE DIRECTION EVENTS ARE TAKING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. I HAVE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY WHAT YOU HAVE SAID AND WANT TO TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY.

4. QUOTE I SHARE YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING AHEAD ON NAMIBIA. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE CONTINUE TO ACCORD THIS QUESTION A HIGH PRIORITY AND AS AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE TOLD YOU DURING HIS LATEST TRIP, THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR CONSIDERATION. AS WE SEARCH FOR PROGRESS, I KEEP VERY MUCH IN MIND YOUR COUNSEL AND INSIGHT.

5. QUOTE AT THE SAME TIME, I WANT TO BE SURE THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING OVER THE IMPORTANCE WE BOTH ATTACH TO A RAPID SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. DURING MY MEETING WITH YOU ON APRIL 25 AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE'S TALKS WITH YOU, I HAD THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING YOU BELIEVED RAPID PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA WAS DESIRABLE AND WELL WORTH SEEKING ACTIVELY. WE AGREED, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF, WHILE EXTREMELY DESIRABLE, WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

6. QUOTE I ATTACH EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO THE ROLE THE BRITISH COULD PLAY IN BRINGING ABOUT A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AS DISCUSSED WITH YOU BY AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE. I WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN OF THE PROMINENCE WHICH DAVID MARTIN'S RECENT ARTICLE ABOUT A BRITISH-AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA HAS BEEN GIVEN IN YOUR NATION'S PRESS AND RADIO. AS YOU KNOW, NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH AND IS ABSOLUTELY CONTRARY TO OUR SECRET

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AIMS TO PREVENT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA. A SUGGESTION TO THIS EFFECT WOULD HAVE NO SUPPORT IN THE UNITED STATES NOR, I AM SURE, IN THE UK.

7. QUOTE I UNDERSTOOD FROM YOUR LAST MEETING WITH MY ASSISTANT SECRETARY THAT YOU SAW NO INCONSISTENCY IN THE ROLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN FACILITATING A BRIEF BUT SMOOTH TRANSITION WITH THE PRIOR ASSURANCE OF MAJORITY

RULE. TO ACCOMPLISH OUR COMMON AIM IN RHODESIA THE SUPPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES IS NEEDED AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS. I REGARD THE BRITISH ROLE DURING TRANSITION AS AN ALMOST INDISPENSABLE CONTRIBUTION TO AND GUARANTEE THAT MAJORITY RULE WILL COME ABOUT

QUICKLY AND PEACEFULLY. I HOPE YOU SHARE MY VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT.

8. QUOTE I LOOK FORWARD TO STAYING IN THE CLOSEST CONTACT WITH YOU DURING THE COMING WEEKS. THEY MAY, IN MY JUDGMENT, PROVE DECISIVE TO THE ENDEAVOR TO WHICH YOU AND I ATTACH SO MUCH IMPORTANCE. I COUNT ON YOUR CONTINUING TO LET ME HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED. UNQUOTE

9. ONCE NYERERE HAS READ THE SECRETARY'S LETTER, YOU SHOULD RECALL THAT IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE, SCHAUFELLE ASKED THAT NYERERE ENCOURAGE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ASSUME A ROLE IN THE RHODESIAN TRANSITION. NYERERE SEEMED TO HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH THAT SUGGESTION ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT FOLLOW IT UP IN THE WAY WE FORESAW WHEN HE MET WITH STRONG. YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN NYERERE'S CURRENT THINKING ON THE SUBJECT IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO. UNQUOTE.

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